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**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy[Cohen.Nancy@epa.gov]; Dreyfus, Melissa G.[Dreyfus.Melissa@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wells, Suzanne  
**Sent:** Wed 8/12/2015 4:04:22 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Communications on Animas River Spill

Thanks much Rachel. I hadn't realized there was a web page set up for the Gold King Mine. It looks great. This is very helpful.

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**From:** Bassler, Rachel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:51 AM  
**To:** Wells, Suzanne  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy; Dreyfus, Melissa G.  
**Subject:** RE: Communications on Animas River Spill

Hi Suzanne,

I have not seen a communications strategy on this but we do have an Agency Web page we can point people to: <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>

The @EPA main Twitter account and @EPAGina are all tweeting about this and I've been following that.

I'll let you know if I learn more. And feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Rachel

**From:** Wells, Suzanne  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 10:38 AM  
**To:** Bassler, Rachel  
**Cc:** Cohen, Nancy; Dreyfus, Melissa G.  
**Subject:** FW: Communications on Animas River Spill

Rachel,

I know Nancy is out today. Do you know if an Agency communication strategy has been pulled together on the Animas River Spill? Do we know what the Agency's messages are on the spill?

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**From:** Wells, Suzanne

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:32 AM

**To:** Cohen, Nancy

**Subject:** RE: Communications on Animas River Spill

Nancy,

Have you heard anything from OPA on a communications strategy on the Animas River Spill?  
Are there certain messages we're supposed to be communicating?

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**From:** Cohen, Nancy

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:01 PM

**To:** Wells, Suzanne; Hull, George; Valentine, Julia

**Cc:** Dreyfus, Melissa G.; Gartner, Lois; Mahmud, Shahid; Woodyard, Josh

**Subject:** RE: Communications on Animas River Spill

Suzanne: looping in OPA . . .

Thanks, nancy

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**From:** Wells, Suzanne

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 12:45 PM

**To:** Cohen, Nancy

**Cc:** Dreyfus, Melissa G.; Gartner, Lois; Mahmud, Shahid; Woodyard, Josh

**Subject:** Communications on Animas River Spill

Nancy,

Is there a communication strategy already pulled together for how the Agency is responding to the Animas River spill? Shahid Mahmud has been getting calls from different folks in the regions who in turn are getting questions from community members, e.g., could something like this happen at the mine that is in our community? Has someone already put together some FAQs about the spill, e.g., when it happened, how it happened, what is acid mine drainage, etc.

Also, who is the lead for communications on the spill? Is it region 8?

Thanks. We just want to be coordinated with whoever is the lead for the communications, and don't want to reinvent the wheel on anything.

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